

History of Pretty Prairie Public Water Supply
Pretty Prairie, Kansas

Population 600

1979 – 1993 – SDWIS data indicates nitrate levels varying between 13 – 25 mg/L.

January 1994 – EPA issues an Administrative Compliance Order

June 1994 – An Amended Administrative Compliance Order on Consent is issued by EPA requiring Pretty Prairie to achieve compliance with the MCL for nitrate.

June 1995 – The city chose to drill new well(s) and achieves compliance

1996 - current – SDWIS data indicates that nitrate exceedances. Levels range from 11 to 14.

August 1996 – KDHE issued a Consent Order. EPA does not currently have a copy of the executed Order, but a draft indicates that the Order commits the city to participate in the Kansas Wellhead Protection Program, and contains elements of the Kansas Nitrate Compliance Strategy. Additional, a KDHE letter indicates that EPA agreed to drop its Administrative Order to Pretty Prairie after the KDHE Consent Order is executed.

March 1997 – KDHE/EPA execute the Kansas Nitrate Strategy.